

*Amendment to the Specification*

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On page 1, please replace the first paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/251,106 filed September 20, 2002, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,719,843, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/323,947, entitled "Powder Metallurgy Tungsten Crucible for AlN Crystal Growth," filed September. 21, 2001. The entire disclosures of each of these applications are incorporated by reference herein.